

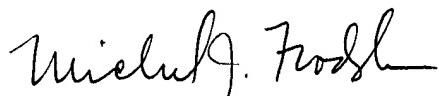
**REMARKS**

Claims 1-21 are pending in the present application, of which claim 1 is independent. With this amendment, Applicant hereby cancels claims 2-21 without prejudice, thereby reserving the right to present these claims at a later time.

In the event that the Examiner finds impediment to a prompt allowance of this application that may be clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

Dated this 30<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2005.

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